THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) :

(a) Export of textiles during the last three years were as under :

(In Million US $)

Year	Exports|Provisional
1990-91	4652
1991-92	4881
1992-93	5616

*excludes Coir, Jute and Handicrafts.

(Source : Textile Export Promotion Councils)

(b) Government have taken several steps to boost textile exports which include full convertibility of Rupees, allowing import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production, participation in Buyer-Seller Meets, Fairs, Exhibition etc.

(c) Major importers of Indian Textiles include European Community Member States, USA, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Bangladesh, Japan, Switzerland, Australia etc.

(d) and (e) Acceptance of Dunkel's proposals are not expected to affect India's textile exports.

METHODS TO IMPROVE FASHION TECHNOLOGY TO TEXTILES GOODS

2702. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the latest methods followed by Textiles Industry to improve fashion technology for Textile goods;

(b) which is the major exporter among Indian States; and

(c) what is the statewise order of export during the years 1990, 1991, 1992 and so far in 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Some of the latest methods followed by the Textile Industry to improve fashion technology for textiles are as follows :—

(i) Computer Aided Design (CAD) System for creating Printed, Woven and Jacquard design in order to enhance the creativity and productivity of artists through instant generation of new designs, colour changes and colour separations. The System comprises the latest State of the Art Hardware and User-friendly Software.

(ii) Installation of modern high-tech equipments to improve production capacities, Productivity and Control over quality.

(b) and (c) State-wise export statistics are not maintained in the Ministry.

NATIONAL HANDLOOMS EXPO 1993-94.

2703. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Handloom Expo 93-94 has been organised at New Delhi in recent past;

(b) if so, details thereof with its characteristics ;

(c) whether this Expo represented all States and Union Territories;

(d) if so, details thereof with criteria for such representation;

(e) whether Government propose to organise such Expo simultaneously in other States in future; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if no, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) National Handloom Expo 93-94 is currently being organised at Ramlila Grounds, Ajmere Gate, New Delhi with effect from 3-12-1993 to 4-1-1994. The Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms organises National Handloom Expos in the major metropolitan cities of the country to help the handloom weavers to expose their skills and talents in handloom weaving and to clear accumulated stocks piled up with the handloom agencies. 20 per cent rebate is allowed on all purchases reimbursed equally by the Centre and State Government concerned.

(c) and (d) All State Governments| Union Territories were requested to participate in this Expo. The following 18 States|U.Ts. are participating in National Handloom Expo, Delhi :—

Karnataka, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, West Bangal, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Assam, Tamilnadu, Pondicherry, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan. National Level Organisations participating in this Expo are All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. and National Federation of Industrial Cooperatives Ltd.

As per guidelines, the participants should be either Apex Societies|State Handloom Development Corporations or Primary Cooperative Societies having an annual sales-turnover of Rs. 50.00 lakhs and above. Not more than five Handloom Agencies from each State are normally allowed to participate in each exhibition on the recommendation of the State Governments concerned.

(e) and (f). During the current financial year (1993-94), a similar Expo has already been conducted at Ahmedabad in November, 1993. It is proposed to organise such Expos at Kanpur, Pune and Hyderabad. The details are given below :—

1. Kanpur (15-1-94 to 13-2-94)

2. Pune (1-2-94 to 2-3-94)

3. Hyderabad (25-3-94 to 24-4-94)

PACKAGE FOR AILING MILLS OF NTC

2704. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have finalised the initial package for the revival and modernisation of ailing mills of the National Textiles Corporation ;

(b) if so, the mill-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to ask the workers of different NTC mills to opt for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme; and

(d) Government's reaction in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (d) Government have approved a Turn Around Strategy for NTC involving, inter-alia, selective modernisation, financial and managerial restructuring and rationalisation of surplus workforce under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). An outlay of Rs. 532.78 crores for modernisation, Rs. 200 crores for liquidity, Rs. 689 crores for VRS and Rs. 50 crores for retraining and rehabilitation of workers proceeding on VRS has been earmarked under the Turn Around Strategy. The mill-wise details for the revival of NTC shall be decided by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruc-